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SUBJECT: VISIT TO MOROCCO OF RSA CONSULTANT DR. MILTON COHEN

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1. EMBASSY WELCOMES VISIT OF DR. AND MRS. COHEN
MARCH 15-17 FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH EMBASSY AND LOCAL
OFFICIALS INVOLVED WITH CARDIAC AND PROSTHETICS PROJECTS.
AS RSA AWARE, US FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO LATTER PROJECT
WAS TERMINATED IN 1974 BUT THERE IS MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT
INTEREST IN CONTINUED COOPERATION IN SOME FORM. MOROCCAN
MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, DR. ABDERRAHMANE TOUHAMI, HAS
BEEN INFORMED OF DR. COHEN'S EXPECTED ARRIVAL.

2. WITH REGARD TO DR. COHEN'S INTEREST IN MEETING WITH
DR. MEKKI BENNANI (PARA 1, REF), RSA SHOULD BE AWARE THAT
DR. BENNANI CEASED TO BE PRINCIPAL RESEARCHER FOR
PROSTHETICS PROJECT IN 1972 WHEN HIS OTHER HEAVY
PREOCCUPATIONS CAUSED DR. LOUDIYE KHALID TO TAKE OVER
THIS FUNCTION. DR. KHALID PRESENTLY ON STUDY GRANT IN
FRANCE. RESIDUAL INTERESTS IN PROSTHETICS PROJECT
PRESENTLY BEING HANDLED WITH MINISTRY OF HEALTH'S
POPULATION DIVISION CHIEF, DR. ABDELHAQ
JOUAHRI, WHOSE RESPONSIBILITIES EMBRACE ADMINISTRATION
OF CENTRAL SERVICE OF REHABILITATION, OF WHICH
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PROSTHETICS AND ORTHOTICS CENTER A PART. DR. JOUAHRI
WILL THUS BE KEY MAN IN ARRANGING FOR DR. COHEN'S
CONTACTS WITH OTHER GOM RESPONSIBLES IN THIS AREA.
EMBASSY WOULD BE GLAD TO ATTEMPT LOCATE DR. BENNANI
AND ARRANGE CONTACT FOR DR. COHEN ON PERSONAL BASIS
IF THIS WOULD SEEM USEFUL.

3. ROUGH OUTLINE OF DR. COHEN'S PROGRAM PROPOSED AS
FOLLOWS:

MARCH 15 - P.M. - MEET AND ESCORT DR. AND MRS. COHEN
TO HOTEL.

MARCH 16 - CALL ON DR. JOUAHRI AND OTHER MINHEALTH
OFFICIALS FOR DISCUSSION OF RESULTS OF ACTIVITIES
CARRIED OUT UNDER PROJECT 19-P-58228 AND PROSPECTS
FOR FUTURE COOPERATION. TOUR OF CENTER FOR
PROSTHETICS AND ORTHOTICS AT EL AYACHI HOSPITAL
IN SALE.

MARCH 16 - LUNCH - POSSIBLE HOSPITALITY BY DR. JOUAHRI.

MARCH 16 - EVENING - COCKTAILS HOSTED BY EMBASSY SCIENCE
LIAISON OFFICER, FIRST SECRETARY JOHN E. CHERE
AND MRS. CHERE.

MARCH 17 - A.M. - CALL ON DR. ABDESALEM TAZI AND STAFF
OF THE PROJECT FOR REHABILITATION OF YOUNG CARDIAC
PATIENTS.

MARCH 17 - LUNCH - HOSPITALITY OF DR. TAZI.

MARCH 17 - AFTERNOON - CONSULTATION WITH EMBASSY STAFF
ON COOPERATIVE REHABILITATION ACTIVITIES.

MARCH 17 - P.M. - DR. AND MRS. COHEN DEPART.

NOTE: MR. CHERE AND INTERPRETER, AS NEEDED, WILL ESCORT
DR. COHEN ON ALL OFFICIAL CALLS. MRS. CHERE WILL BE
AVAILABLE TO ASSIST MRS. COHEN IN SIGHTSEEING, SHOPPING,
ETC.

4. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER HOTEL RESERVATIONS SHOULD BE
MADE BY EMBASSY AND TYPE ACCOMMODATION DESIRED. MOFFAT

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